

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the present application.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Michael K. Mutter (Reg. 29,680) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

The paragraph beginning on page 1, line 8, has been amended as follows:

Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. [6-223604] 8-88790 discloses a method in which shooting conditions are recorded when image data is stored and the conditions are used to reproduce the image. Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. [3-154543] 5-2452 discloses a method in which information indicating whether or not image data has been compressed is stored when the image data is stored.